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TO: Utah Division of Water Rights, State Engineer
FROM: Utah Division of Parks and Recreation, T.E. Green, Jr. 
Planning Coordinator
RE: Hearings and input regarding the distribution and management
of Utah Lake, its tributaries and the Jordan River

Our staff was out of state at the time your hearings were held on 14 May 1991. We apologize for not being there. Briefly, we have very serious concerns relating to Utah Lake and the Jordan River:

1. We seek the maintenance and enhancement of these waters in terms of improved water quality and adequate quantity to assure the viability of the waters for outdoor recreation, local economy, tourism and wildlife.
2. We have invested over \$15 million state and federal dollars in state park facilities and acquisitions on Utah Lake and along the Jordan River. Most of these capital expenditures are dependent on adequate and relatively unpolluted water in this system. The quality and utility of these properties and facilities are protected under the 6F provisions of the federal Land & Water Conservation Act.
3. We subscribe to the policy of multiple-use management and cooperative/coordinated resource planning. Consumptive and nonconsumptive uses of these waters have critical economic, social and economic value and ramification. Severe and costly consequences have followed the indiscriminate and un-studied dredging of the Jordan River in the mid-eighties. The technology and practice of river management now dictates a more sensitive and long-range approach to natural river dynamics.

Our staff at Utah Lake State Park and the Jordan River State Park would also like to be involved in the water planning process for this important decision-making and management process. Please keep us advised. We are happy to help in any way possible.